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FY 2008 APPROPRIATIONS SUMMARY

REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX: The City of Las Vegas, along with its regional partners, is in the process of designing a Regional Public Safety Complex (RPSC) to enhance emergency preparedness and response capabilities in the Las Vegas/Clark County area. The purpose of the facility is to serve as a multi-agency, multi-disciplined complex capable of hosting regional public safety training, disaster coordination and management, and a specialized tactical deployment base. The complex will be located on a 55-acre parcel located near Hualapai Way and the I-215 Beltway in northwest Las Vegas that was secured through a long-term lease from the Bureau of Land Management. The City is currently working on a business plan for the complex that will include an Emergency Operations Center, an Intelligence Fusion Center, a 9-1-1 Communications Center, and a multi-disciplined All-Hazard Regional Multi-Agency Operations and Response (ARMOR) team facility which will house specially trained police, fire, and bomb squad personnel. **The City requests \$15,000,000 for Phase 1 of the RPSC to complete the architectural design and begin construction on an Intelligence Fusion Center and ARMOR team facility.**

POST OFFICE MUSEUM: The City of Las Vegas has acquired the historic Post Office/Courthouse located in downtown Las Vegas with the intention of transforming it into a museum and cultural facility. The overall project goals are to create an economically successful anchor and destination attraction to reinvigorate the northern edge of downtown Las Vegas. Additionally, it will capitalize on the colorful history of Las Vegas by highlighting its fascinating history, particularly the era of the 1930s through the 1960s and the impact of organized crime on the city's development. The estimated cost to rehabilitate the building will be approximately \$30,000,000, which does not include the cost of exhibit fabrication. The goal of this museum is to capture the attention and interest of both residents and visitors to Las Vegas. **The City requests \$1,000,000 to assist in the funding of exhibit content, with a total estimated cost of approximately \$6,000,000.**

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE MOUNTAIN EDGE PARKWAY: Over the past three years, the City of Las Vegas has been studying the need and alignment of the Mountain Edge Parkway, a multi-modal transportation facility in the north part of the Las Vegas Valley. The purpose of preserving the Mountain Edge Parkway Corridor is to provide transportation access in the northern city limits of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas, to enhance opportunities to meet long range mobility needs, and promote an integrated transportation corridor. **The City requests \$3,000,000 to complete a National Environmental Policy Act study for the entire length of the Mountain Edge Parkway to address any future impacts and necessary mitigation to allow for the project to move forward and be eligible for future federal construction funds.**

SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM: The City of Las Vegas has established a strategic planning priority "to create, integrate and manager orderly and sustainable development and growth in our community." To that end, no fewer than twelve distinct sustainability initiatives, including commuter incentives, open space preservation, green building, alternative fuels and renewable energy, have been developed. However, the next step for the City is to make sure these initiatives are administered and evaluated by several departments throughout the City government. As such, the City of Las Vegas seeks an appropriation to incorporate a unified Sustainable Las Vegas Program modeled on the successful Chicago Environmental Action Agenda. **The City requests \$1,500,000 to allow for the consolidation, implementation, and evaluation of existing sustainability projects/programs and to create new opportunities for innovation in climate protection and resource conservation.**

YOUTH INITIATIVE PROGRAM*: Schools and the quality of education they provide, along with strong quality government support services, are key elements in creating stable neighborhoods and shaping residents' perception of the quality of life in their community. The Youth Initiative is a program that partners the City of Las Vegas with the Clark County School District and other youth service providers to evolve and expand youth programs. The initiative includes seven components including education and after school awareness, incorporating education into after school programs, city/school partnerships, youth engagement, celebrating youth achievement, youth career development, and re-engaging disconnected youth. Future target areas will be to lower high school drop out rates, increase graduation rates, lower juvenile justice referrals, lower the number of students who are credit deficient, and improve higher education rates for the State of Nevada in the 18-24 age groups. **The City requests \$450,000 to continue and expand the Youth Initiative Program.**

EVOLVE PROGRAM*: The City created the Educational and Vocational Opportunities Leading to Valuable Experience (EVOLVE) Program in 2002 as a result of the numerous barriers ex-offenders face as they re-enter society. The program's goal is to assist ex-offenders in securing and retaining employment. The program seeks to increase public safety, reduce recidivism, improve the workforce in Southern Nevada and promote self-sufficiency. EVOLVE is based on a continuum of care approach providing accessible intensive case management, education, and training in a viable trade in order to secure livable wage employment. Initial findings from an independent evaluation conducted by the University of Nevada Reno (UNR) shows a 10% recidivism rate for ex-felon EVOLVE participants compared to the national average of 43%. While the EVOLVE Program is currently dedicated to assisting ex-offenders, these services can be expanded to work with chronic inebriates, homeless, and mentally unstable individuals that overburden the local judicial and jail systems, mental health providers and hospitals. **The City seeks \$500,000 to continue and expand the EVOLVE Program.**

****FY07 requests that were listed in House and Senate appropriations bills.***

1. The Regional Public Safety Complex is a multi-agency facility designed to enhance the coordination and effectiveness of law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services in the region. The complex will serve as a central hub for training, operations, and administrative functions, ensuring a unified response to public safety incidents.

2. The facility is strategically located to provide rapid access to all major highways and surrounding communities. It will include state-of-the-art equipment, communication systems, and dedicated spaces for each agency's personnel, fostering collaboration and efficient resource management.

3. The Regional Public Safety Complex is a testament to the commitment of the participating agencies to public safety. By consolidating resources and creating a shared environment, the complex will significantly improve the region's ability to respond to emergencies, protect lives, and maintain the peace.



CITY OF LAS VEGAS REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX (RPSC)

Executive Summary:

The Las Vegas/Clark County region is the largest metropolitan area in the state of Nevada with a population of over 1.9 million residents and a transient tourist population that often exceeds 250,000 visitors per day. Although the region is the lifeblood of the state, it currently lacks a comprehensive public safety complex for the county's multiple jurisdictions to perform regionalized counter-terrorism planning, training and general emergency management activities.

To address this problem the City's Fire & Rescue Department and Office of Emergency Management have been assigned a lead role in pursuing the research, design, and construction of a regional public safety complex to fill this important gap. The project has four core construction phases, including an intelligence "fusion center" to enhance the region's counter-terrorism efforts; an emergency operations center (EOC) to enhance the region's coordination of emergency planning and response; a combined public safety communications center for dispatching police, fire and emergency medical service (EMS) resources; and an on-site training facility for public safety personnel.

The City is joined in this project by multiple agencies in the region including Clark County and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro). Furthermore, the cities of Boulder City, Henderson, Mesquite and North Las Vegas have expressed interest and will be incorporated into the project planning. To proceed with this important project, the City of Las Vegas and allied agencies are seeking funding assistance in the amount of \$15 million to initiate Phase 1 of the project.

Discussion: Located on 55-acres of City-owned land, the City of Las Vegas and allied partners intend to design and construct a regional public safety complex that will be utilized by the various jurisdictions and public safety agencies in southern Nevada (see figure-1).

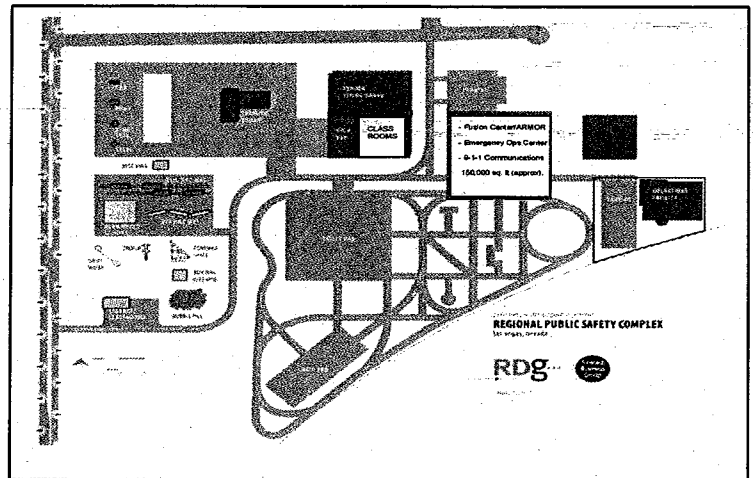
The complex will have four primary components:

1. Collect, analyze and disseminate intelligence information through a fusion center;
2. Serve as the region's central emergency operations center (EOC) to plan and coordinate the response and recovery of large-scale emergencies/disasters;
3. Dispatch police-fire-EMS units in the regional 9-1-1 communications center; and,
4. Train public safety first responders including firefighters, police officers, paramedics, and ancillary responders including public works crews, public utility company crews, and civilian volunteers.

Work completed to date on this project includes completion of a comprehensive business plan through the efforts of the Interact Group of Lake Forest, California (<http://www.theinteractgroup.com>).

Additionally, the consultant group Urban Environmental Research of Las Vegas (<http://urbanenvironmentalresearch.com>) has also been commissioned to develop an appendix to the existing business plan that more comprehensively addresses the fusion center, emergency operations center and dispatch center components. Upon completion, the comprehensive business plan will identify a clear mission statement of the project, proposed agency participants in the Las Vegas region, assessment of functions and services to be performed and a general layout of the proposed facilities to be included in the design of the complex.

Figure-1 – View of Regional Public Safety Complex- Las Vegas, Nevada



Phase 1: Intelligence Fusion Center and ARMOR Facility

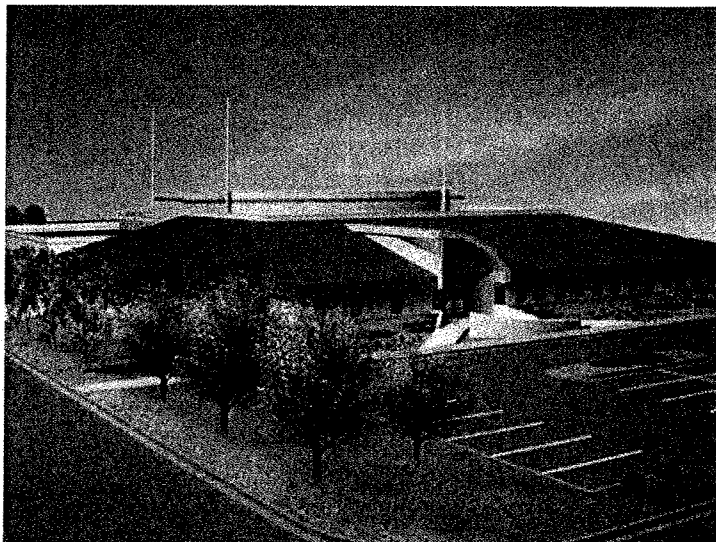


Figure-2- Sample Intelligence Fusion Center

The first phase of the complex involves the design and construction of a facility to serve as a regional intelligence fusion center. The term "fusion center" means a location where intelligence experts from police, fire, public health and other disciplines work collaboratively to collect, analyze, and disseminate a wide array of intelligence information for the purpose of identifying terrorist threats and preventing attacks from occurring.

This center will also include a deployment facility for the region's All-Hazard Regional Multi-Agency Operations and Response (ARMOR) team.

The Las Vegas Fire & Rescue Department, Clark County Fire Department and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department have executed an interlocal contract establishing a regional ARMOR team. This team is comprised of personnel from each agency who possess specialized training and equipment in order to leverage a wide assortment of unique capabilities into a single, streamlined response force. Members of the ARMOR team respond to various high-risk events in the region including bomb calls, dangerous substances involving criminal intent, and other incidents of homeland security concern.

This phase of the project is consistent with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) FFY-2007 grant guidance which promotes the development of a nationwide network of fusion centers, especially in the nation's core metropolitan/urban cities. Other cities in the nation that have developed fusion centers include (but not limited to) Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Phoenix, Seattle, and Washington, D.C.

Las Vegas is a designated region in the DHS Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program and is expected to develop a fusion center to serve the southwest region of the nation. Such a facility will be outfitted with modernized communication equipment and computer systems linking the Las Vegas fusion center to the national network. Development of this center will facilitate intelligence information sharing both nationally and internationally.

Phase 2: Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and 9-1-1 Communications Center

The second phase of the complex is the design and construction of a regional EOC and combined 9-1-1 Communications Center for dispatching police, fire and EMS resources.



Figure-3 - Sample Emergency Operations Center, City of Chicago, Illinois

An EOC is the physical location where designated officials from multiple jurisdictions and subject matter(s) experts from the region's public safety agencies, public utilities, volunteer agencies and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) assemble to coordinate incident management in a collaborative manner. This type of cooperative arrangement is known as "multi-agency coordination" or "MAC" and is a component of the Federal National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliance requirement.

Currently, the Las Vegas/Clark County region does not have a dedicated EOC facility to foster multi-jurisdictional coordination. Consistent with the federally mandated NIMS, a dedicated EOC will serve as the region's central point of coordination in planning for, responding to, and recovery from large-scale emergencies/disasters and other significant events. Other regions in the nation that have dedicated EOC's include Broward County (FL), Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, Seattle and Washoe County (NV).

In 2006, the region's Urban Area Working Group (UAWG) included the development of a regional EOC in the urban area strategy, and Clark County's Nuclear Waste Division and Office of Emergency Management jointly commissioned a private consultant to conduct a feasibility assessment to determine the desirability of developing a new EOC in the region. This assessment revealed overwhelming support from the local emergency management and public safety officials to pursue the development of a new regional EOC.

Existing 9-1-1 communication centers in the Las Vegas/Clark County region are separate facilities for police and fire/EMS departments and neither discipline possesses an adequate back-up center for secure redundancy. Therefore, Phase 2 of the complex will also include the construction of a combined 9-1-1 Communications Center for dispatching police, fire and EMS resources from a single common facility. The existing Metro Communications Center (MetroCom) will be maintain as a back-up center and existing fire department dispatching consoles will be incorporated to achieve sufficient redundancy for all public safety disciplines.

Combining a regional EOC and 9-1-1 Communications Center is common across the nation and leverages the construction of robust telecommunications and computer infrastructures that are required by both types of facilities. Beyond emergency/disaster coordination, intended usage of this facility includes emergency management and public safety officials from the various jurisdictions in Las Vegas/Clark County co-locating offices for daily operations in order to enhance the interagency coordination and collaboration thereby eliminating jurisdictional issues that often impede regionalization efforts.

Phase 3: Public Safety Training Center

Phase 3 of the complex involves the development of a comprehensive training center for public safety personnel. This component will include an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) to train responders to drive emergency apparatus safely. It will also include a campus of classrooms, auditoriums, an in-door shooting range, and state-of-the-art simulators and props that will facilitate training police officers, firefighters and EMS personnel in the latest concepts of public safety and specialized training for response to incidents involving terrorism/weapons of mass destruction.

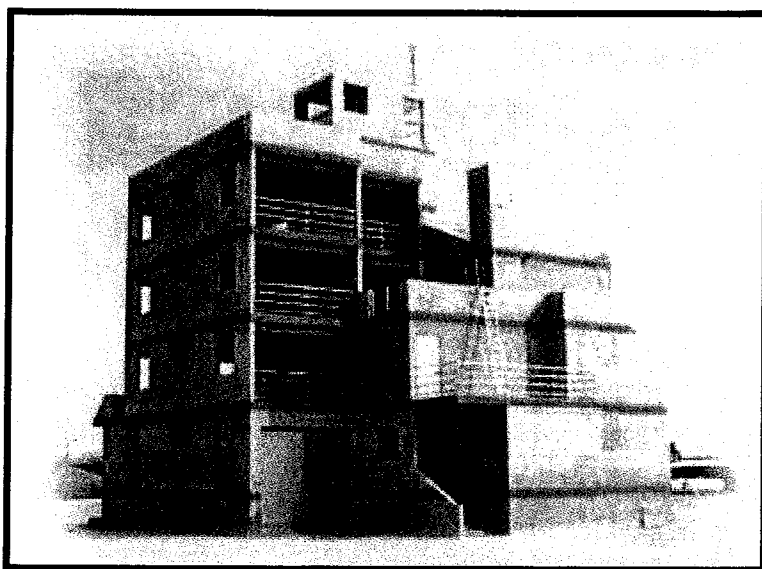


Figure-4- Sample Fire Department Training Tower

Due to the explosive growth of Las Vegas/Clark County, it is necessary to decentralize training by strategically locating satellite facilities throughout the region to accommodate the increased training demands.

Training public safety personnel is an essential component of the region's quality assurance process. Robust training programs enable agencies to validate strengths and identify weaknesses in order to improve the region's overall emergency response system.

Implementation/Task Plan:

The planned implementation schedule for the aforementioned phases is depicted in the following table:

Event Description
Phase 1: Intelligence Fusion Center and ARMOR Facility
Develop engineering plans
Begin construction
Final inspection & acceptance
Staff training on facility
Implement operations
Phase 2: Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and 9-1-1 Communications Center
Develop engineering plans
Begin construction
Final inspection & acceptance
Staff training on facility
Implement operations
Phase 3: Public Safety Training Facility
Develop engineering plans
Begin construction
Final inspection & acceptance
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Conclusion: The Las Vegas/Clark County region represents 70% of Nevada's population and provides the economic lifeblood for the entire state. Construction of enhanced, state-of-the-art public safety facilities is crucial in order to prevent terrorist attacks, respond to emergency incidents that do occur, and promptly restore the community to working order after disasters. **Consistent with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security goals and objectives, the City of Las Vegas and allied agencies are seeking funding assistance in the amount of \$15,000,000 to complete the architectural design and begin constructing Phase 1 of the Regional Public Safety Complex including an Intelligence Fusion Center and ARMOR team deployment facility.**



CITY OF LAS VEGAS POST OFFICE MUSEUM

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) transferred the Post Office and Court House property to the City of Las Vegas in 2002 with specific covenants for its preservation and adaptive use. The federal court relocated from the building in 1965. A variety of federal tenants have occupied the building in later years, including the U.S. Tax Court and Social Security Administration. The U.S. Postal Service was the last federal tenant to occupy the building until the post office function relocated in early 2005.

At the center of the historic downtown core, rehabilitation of the former federal building as The POST Modern (as the cultural facility is becoming known) is essential as an anchor to and catalyst for a central business district renaissance. Although there is an economic and civic revival currently underway in downtown Las Vegas, unparalleled in recent history, the area remains underutilized by visitors and local residents. Significant infrastructure improvements, such as the Fremont Street Experience, the Lewis Street/Justice Corridor and the Cultural Corridor, aim to make the area a primary regional destination. Attraction of national private investment in retail, residential and institutional development downtown is a priority goal of the current Mayoral administration. Rehabilitation and reuse of the Post Office and Court House is widely viewed by elected officials and citizens of Las Vegas as one of the centerpieces of downtown revitalization.

Status of Project

This spring, the City retained Strategic Surveys to develop and implement a comprehensive and comparative survey to assess 1) visitors' and residents' levels of interest in and potential attendance at the proposed museum and 2) local residents' views towards the project as a City-sponsored community amenity and educational venue. A very high level of support and interest was expressed by both visitors and residents for the museum concept and programs. Just as important, surveyors were also able to project from the data extremely high potential paid attendance figures, using the most conservative calculation methodologies available.

A great deal of planning, consulting expertise and commitment has already been invested in this project. Westlake Reed Leskosky was selected as the project's design architectural firm and a contract was approved by the Las Vegas City Council on August 2, 2006. The firm has completed the predesign phase of the project which includes a detailed space design for the building, a layout of all administration, exhibit, retail, and mechanical needs, suggestions for exhibit content and design, and a revised estimated cost schedule.

Exterior rehabilitation and interior demolition work is beginning while the architectural design is underway. Plans are to start full building rehabilitation and museum and exhibit construction at the end of 2007 with the museum opening in 2009. Previously allocated federal funds have been drawn down to fund these activities.

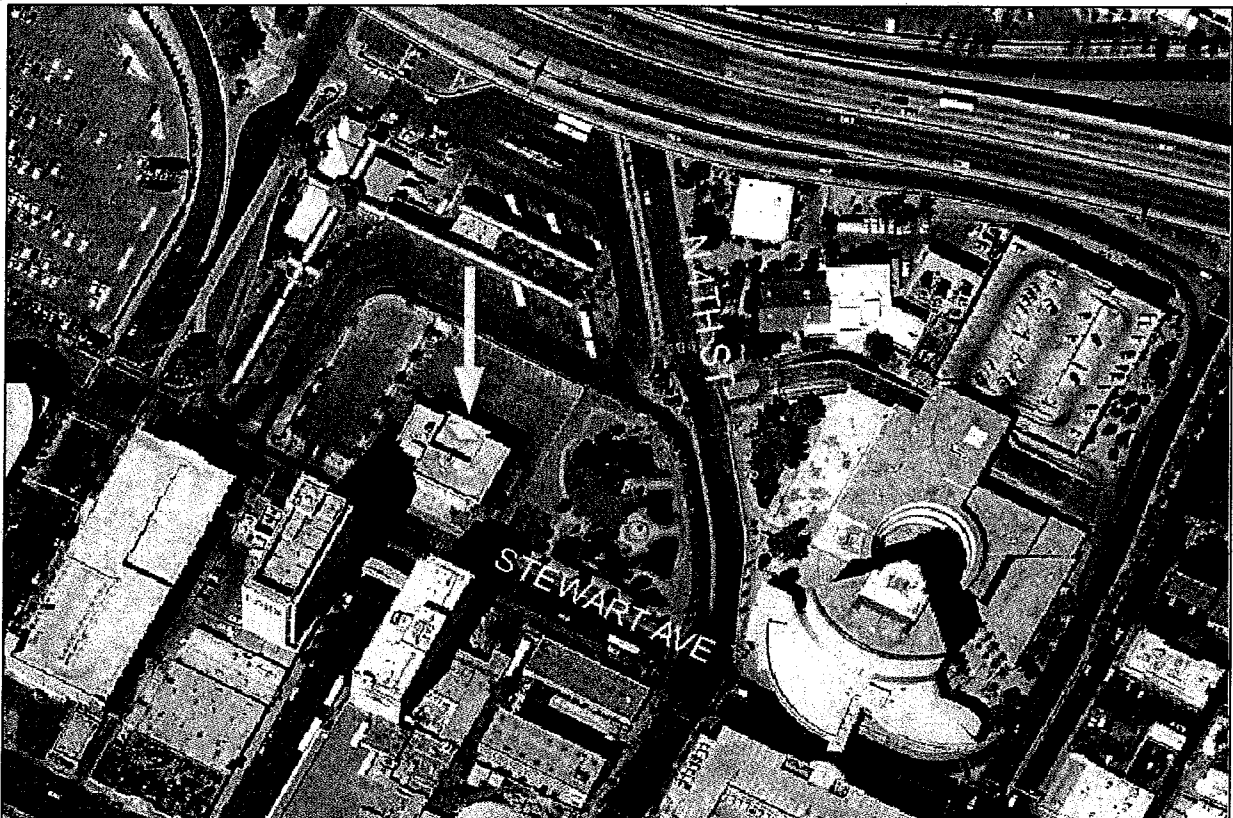
Specific Use for Requested Funds

Based on the results of the survey and the excitement the prospect of this museum has caused, design of the museum content is critical. Creative exhibit design and construction are critical to the success of the museum. There is so much history to portray and share with the public and citizens of Nevada that, if not for expeditious implementation of both interior and exterior building rehabilitation, the long-term stability and preservation of this nationally significant treasure could be forever lost.

Funds needed for exhibition design and fabrication work will span the next two years. The resulting overall project goals include:

- Design and present a unique cultural product appealing to both residents and out-of-town visitors.
- Create an economically successful anchor and destination attraction to reinvigorate the northern edge of downtown Las Vegas, connecting to and complementing Fremont Street, Third Street and the Cultural Corridor.
- Capitalize on the history of the building and nationally significant events that took place in the courtroom.
- Present and interpret Las Vegas' colorful and fascinating history, particularly the era of the 1930s through the 1960s and the impact of organized crime on the city's development.
- Employ cutting-edge exhibition design, with highly interactive, educational and experiential environments.

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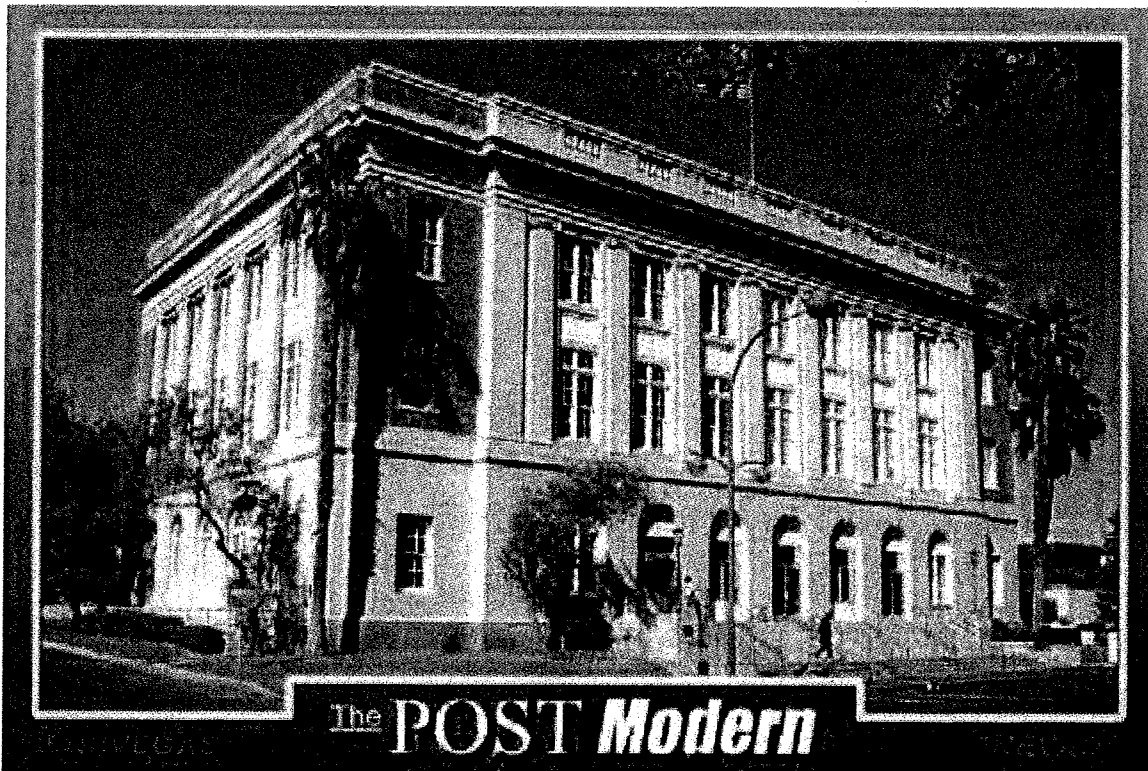
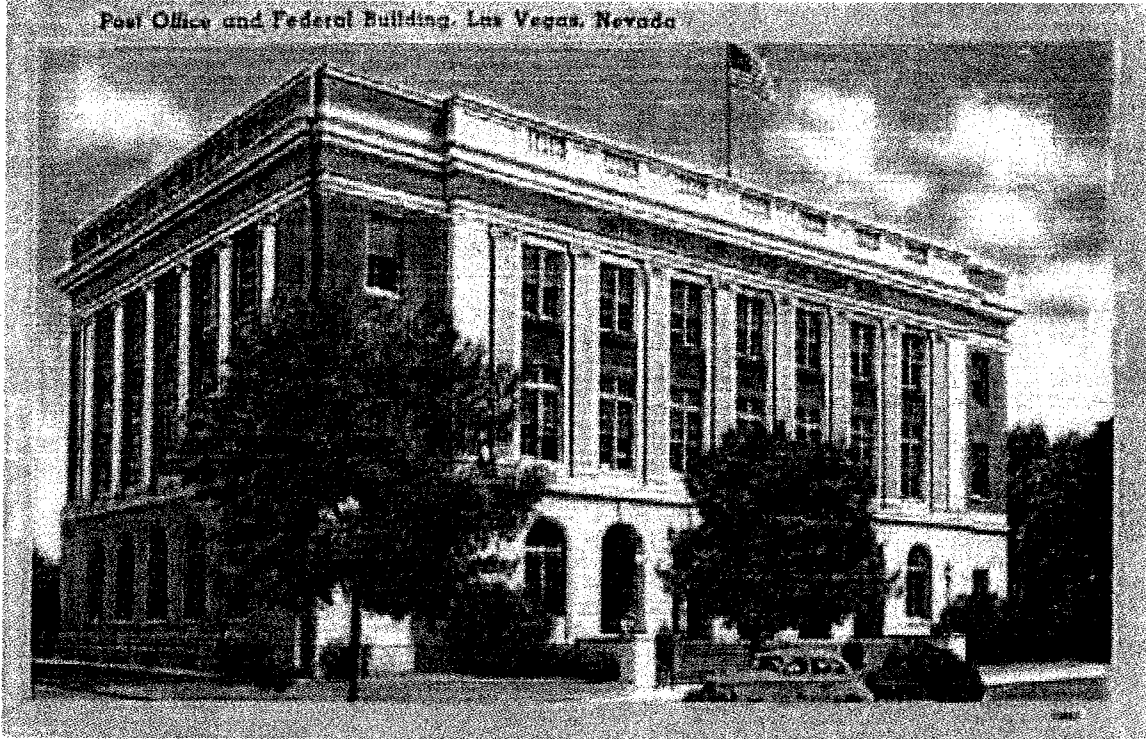


Aerial view of area surrounding Post Office (arrowed) with City Hall at right (2004).

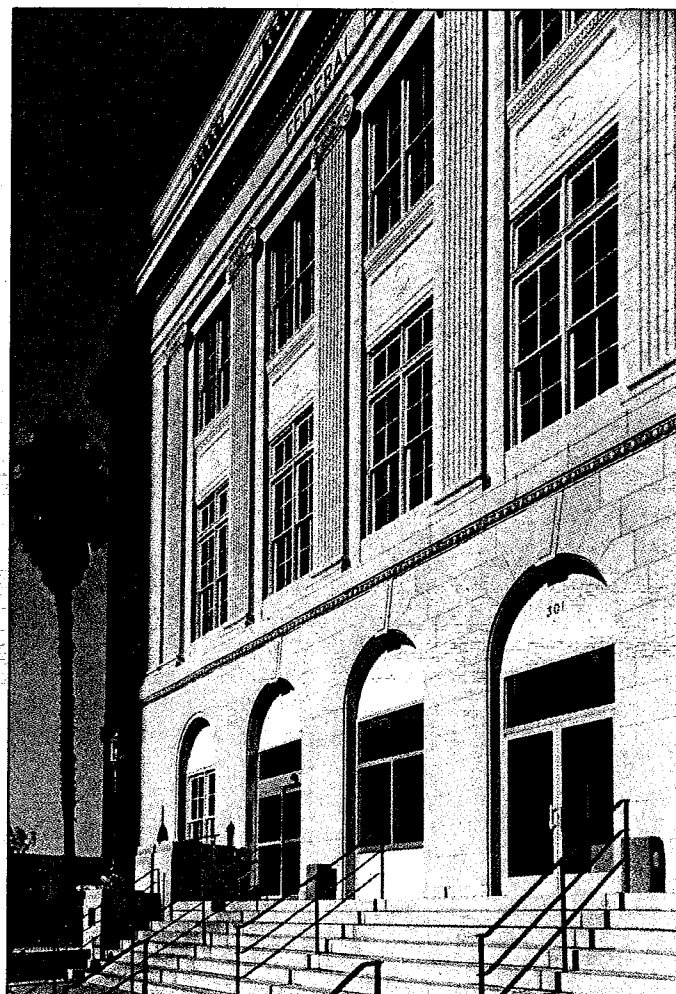
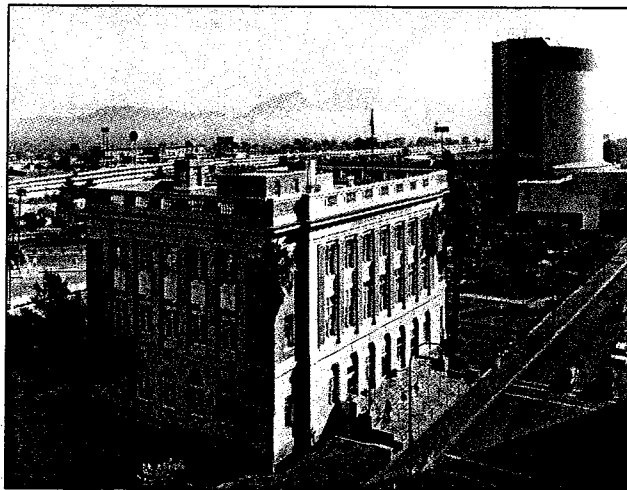
The **POST Modern**

Reinventing the United States Post Office and Court House, Las Vegas

Post Office and Federal Building, Las Vegas, Nevada



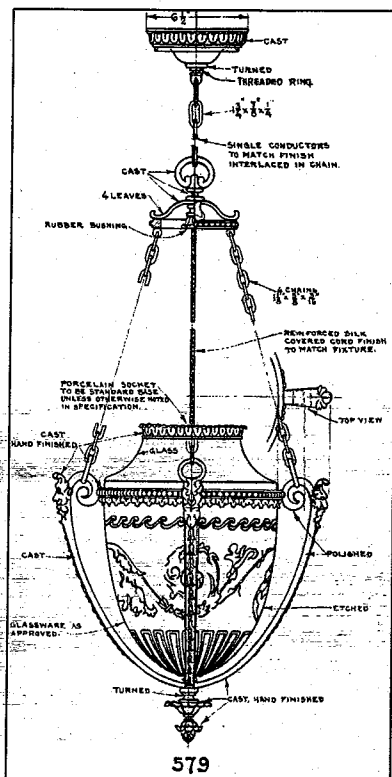
The **POST Modern**



United States Post Office and Courthouse, Las Vegas. Above left: northeast view (Tavo Olmos, 2005). Below left: North view (c. 1940, Nevada State Museum and Historical Society). Right: Facade Detail (Tavo Olmos, 2005).

Constructed in 1933 as part of a national federal building campaign, the Las Vegas United States Post Office and Court House was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1983 at the local level of significance. The National Register listing was recently amended to incorporate information that firmly establishes the building's national significance as a pivotal location of the Senate Special Committee to Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce, led by U.S. Senator Estes Kefauver, commonly known as the Kefauver Hearings, in the early 1950s.

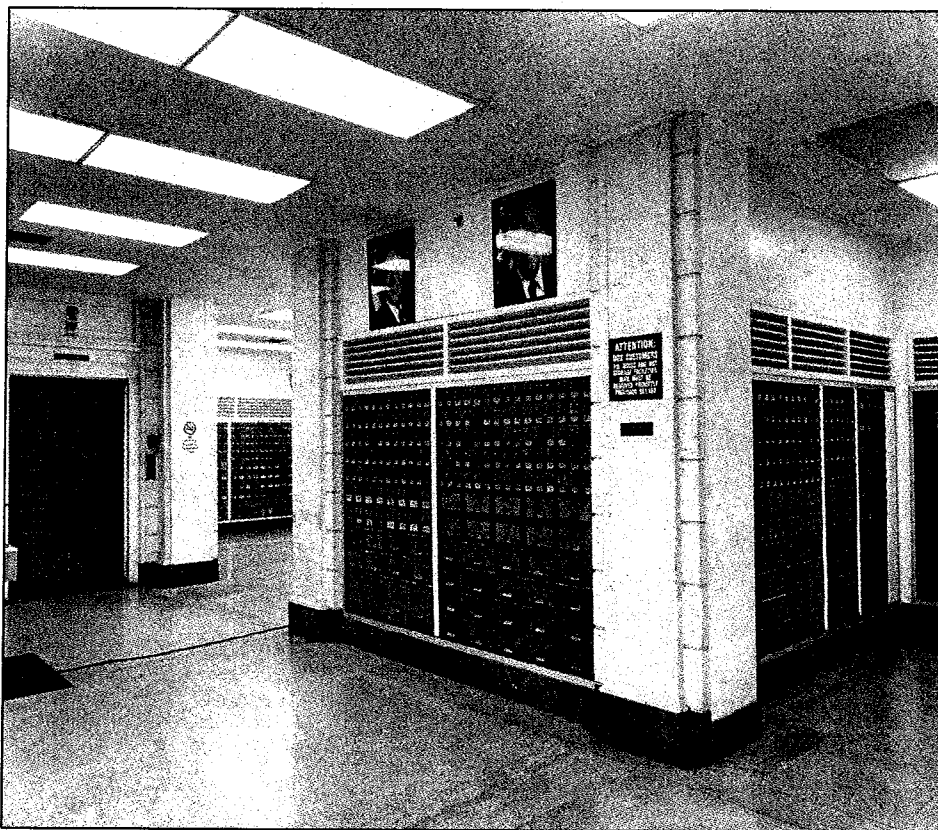
The Post Office and Court House is located on Stewart Avenue in downtown Las Vegas at the northern terminus of Third Street. Classical Revival in style, the stately three-story-plus-basement, concrete-encased, steel frame building is clad in blended yellow-colored brick, limestone and terra cotta. Characteristic of the style, the building features a loggia with round-arched openings, double height fluted, Ionic pilasters, and an entablature and parapet pierced with double-belly balusters. Surrounding driveways and open parking areas emphasize the building's close proximity to the street.



Left: Original drawing of light fixture to be reproduced for public lobby (no longer extant). Right: Post Office boxes, public lobby (dropped ceiling has since been removed) (Tavo Olmos, 2005).

United States Post Office and Courthouse, Las Vegas, Nevada:

As the building now lies vacant, mothballing activities will continue in order to protect the building from weather, as well as secure it from vandalism. Proposed activities supported by the Save America's Treasures grant will ensure that the building envelope, including cladding and windows, are weather tight. Currently, the building exterior is extremely vulnerable to the elements, and existing leaks, loose glazing, and missing sealant problems will only worsen. The requested funds will help cover the cost of the exhibit fabrication.

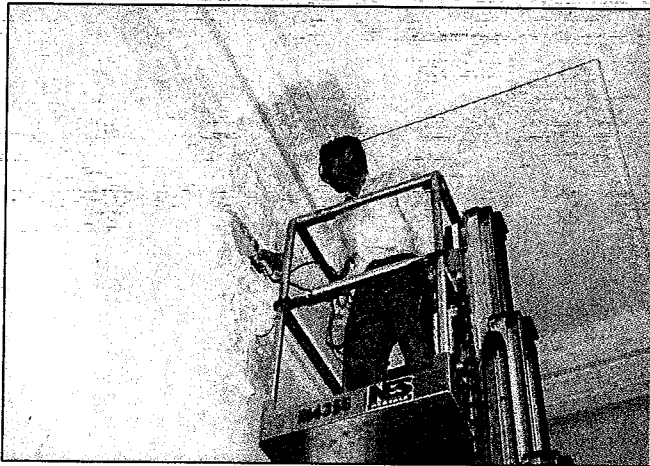
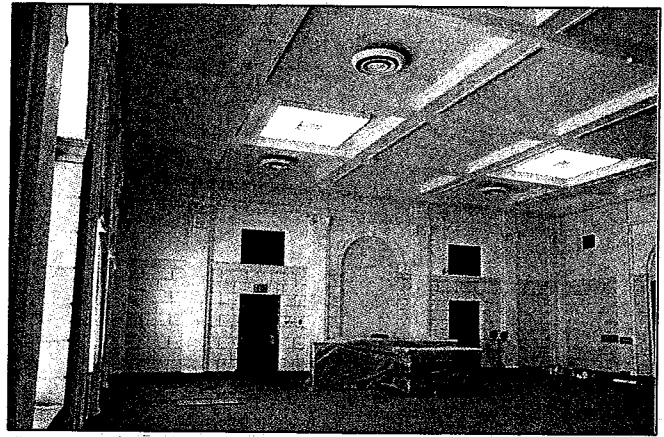
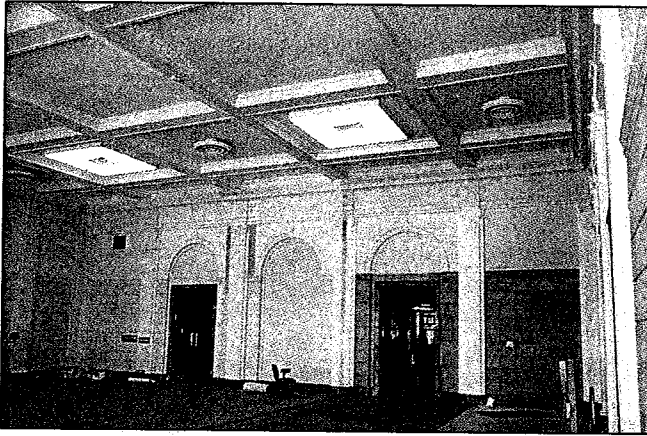




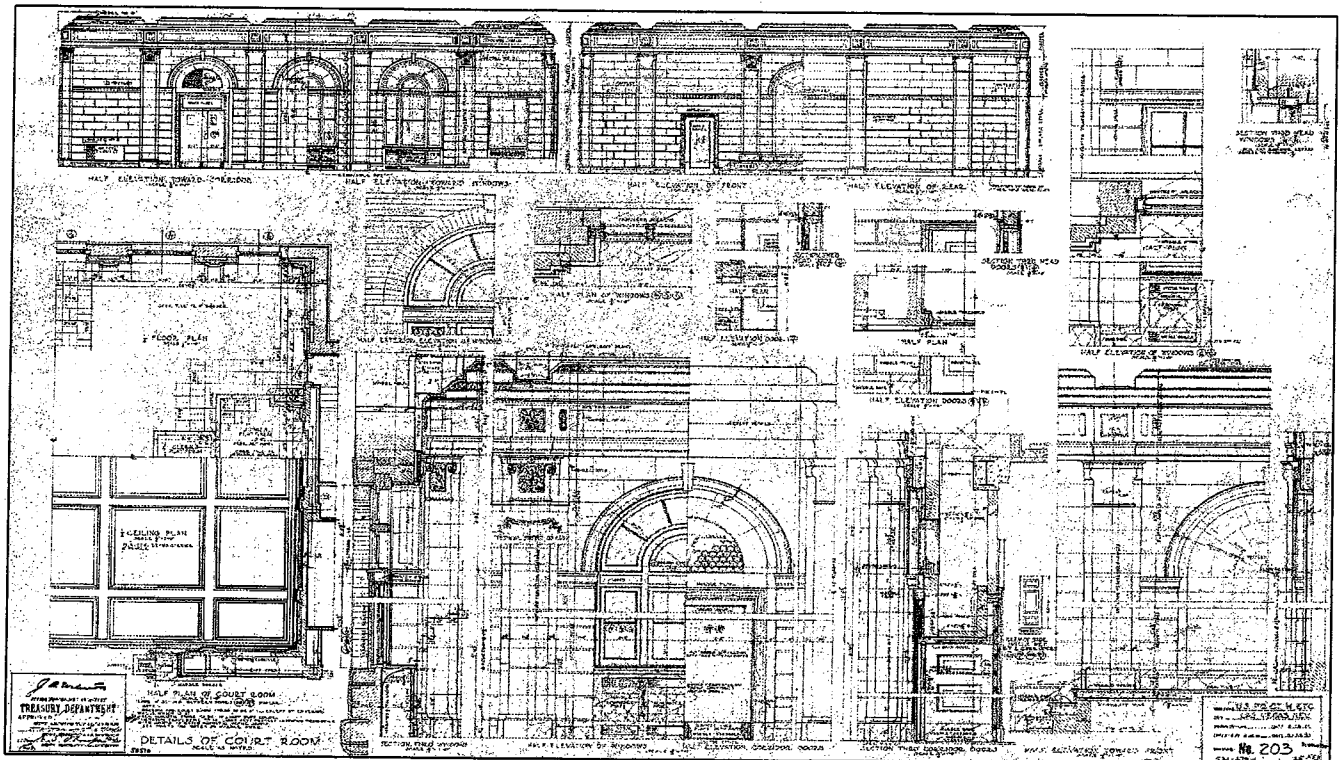
The City was recently successful in amending the building's National Register nomination and the building is now the first and only nationally significant National Register property in the City of Las Vegas in recognition of the 1950 Kefauver Hearings that took place in the courtroom.



Top Left: "Crime Hunter Kefauver: Gamblers + Politicians = Corruption," TIME Magazine cover, March 12, 1951. Top right: Kefauver and other Committee members (ACME, March 28, 1951). Middle right: Joe Adonis, who refused to testify, watches Frank Costello's hands during his testimony (LIFE Magazine, April 6, 1951). Middle left: Staff and clients at a blood bank watch the proceedings (LIFE Magazine, April 6, 1951). Bottom Right: Las Vegas Review Journal, 1951.



Top left and right: Views of second floor courtroom after removing of demising wall (2005). Middle left and right: Views of second floor courtroom east (left) and southeast (right).



Bottom Right: Original drawings of the second floor courtroom details (1933).



CITY OF LAS VEGAS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE MOUNTAIN EDGE PARKWAY

Over the past three years, the City of Las Vegas has been studying the need and alignment of the Mountain Edge Parkway, a multi-modal transportation facility in the north part of the Las Vegas Valley. The purpose of preserving the Mountain Edge Parkway Corridor is to provide transportation access in the northern city limits of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas, enhance opportunities to meet long range mobility needs, and promote integrated transportation corridor.

High density urban development continues to expand into the north of the Las Vegas Valley. The population growth and development densities have generated considerable traffic demands. In March 2003, workshops were held with local, regional, and state governments to identify transportation needs in the northern region of the valley. The result of the workshops identified the need for another multi-modal transportation corridor (Mountain Edge Parkway) that would address infrastructure needs in this region. The Mountain Edge Parkway corridor will connect the Clark County 215 Beltway (CC-215), U.S. Highway 95 and Interstate 15 (I-15) in the northern most limits of the Valley (see attached exhibit). This multi-modal corridor includes general purpose travel lanes, frontage roads, dedicated high-capacity transit right-of-way, and multi-use trails for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The area in northern the Las Vegas Valley contains some sensitive environmental and cultural resources that were identified in the 2004 *Las Vegas Valley Disposal Boundary Environmental Impact Statement* and other sources. The City of Las Vegas now desires to further study potential environmental and cultural impacts that may be caused by the Mountain Edge Parkway.

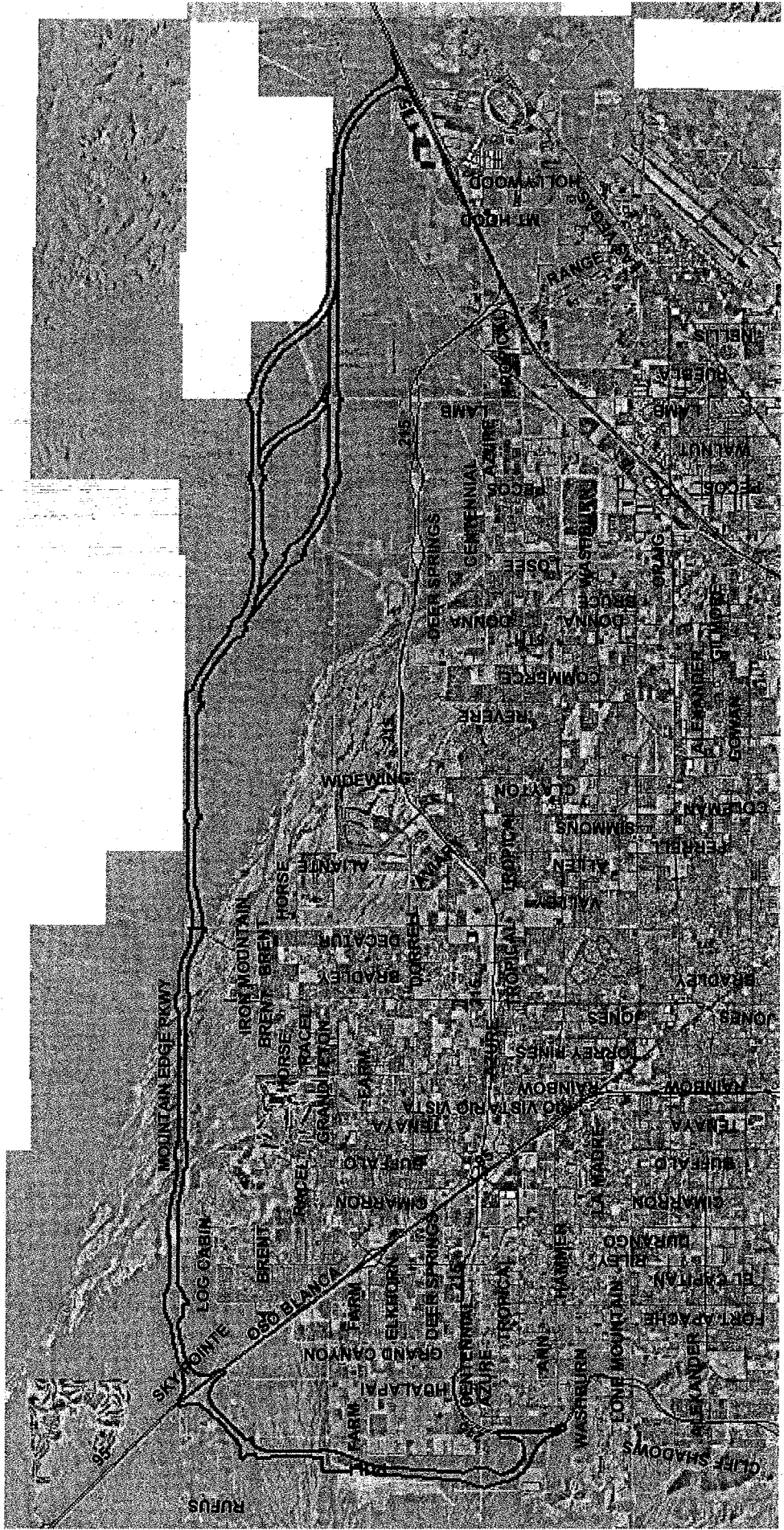
The City requests \$3,000,000 to complete a National Environmental Policy Act study for the entire length of the Mountain Edge Parkway. This study is needed to address any future impacts and necessary mitigation to allow for the project to move forward and be eligible for federal construction funds in the future.



Mountain Edge Parkway I-215 to I-15



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THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

City Clerk's Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza, 2nd Floor Skybridge
Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza, (next door to Metro Records)
Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North
Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway
Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue



CITY OF LAS VEGAS SUSTAINABILITY

SUSTAINABLE LAS VEGAS

The City of Las Vegas is expanding its focus on the issues of global climate change, energy conservation incentives and sustainability. The Las Vegas City Council recently adopted a Climate Protection Resolution and the City is embarking on exciting sustainability projects – for example, the City has vowed all new City buildings will be built to a LEED Silver standard and will provide incentives for developers to participate in the City's new Green Building Program. The Green Building Program was developed in a partnership with the Southern Nevada Homebuilders Association and the U.S. Green Building Initiative. Both the 1,700-acre master planned community at Kyle Canyon and the 61 acres in downtown Las Vegas have considerable sustainable elements. Further, the City is moving forward on a solar-fueled wastewater plant. The City will work with the federal delegation to provide incentives and creativity in dealing with energy conservation, global climate change and sustainable development goals.

Introduction

The City of Las Vegas is rapidly becoming known for its progressive environmental policies. Fleet services, green building, climate protection, and other strategies are setting a new standard for sustainability in Las Vegas. With a solid foundation to build on, the City is ready to evolve its program to the next level. Coordination among city departments, with input from select public, private and quasi-public agencies, will create a robust program to begin changing the cultural mindset within the City towards more sustainable practices, and eventually spread throughout the community.

The following section presents strategies currently employed by the City and new strategies that will be explored for consideration to create a more comprehensive sustainability program.

EXISTING STRATEGIES/POTENTIAL INITIATIVES

Energy and Green Building Existing Strategies

- Green Building Program
 - City to achieve a LEED silver equivalent level of design for all new city structures.
 - A green building fund made up of any incremental increase in franchise fees from gas, electricity and solid waste disposal in an amount annually not to exceed \$2.5 million. This fund will help offset costs of achieving LEED, could potentially be used for promotion, outreach, education, and grant programs for green building.

- Partnership with the Southern Nevada Homebuilders Association for residential construction. In conjunction with City of Las Vegas, U.S. Green Building Initiative and other stakeholders, the SNHBA established the Southern Nevada Green Building Partnership. Homes built under the program criteria will be recognized by the City, and the builder will be provided with marketing on the City's website, television station, and other promotional materials.
- US Green Building Council LEED Certified Buildings
 - Four buildings, totaling over 617,000 square feet, were approved or completed in 2005, and are in the process for LEED certification for green building, including:
 - The 75,000 square foot Regional Animal Shelter at 3000 Harris;
 - The 325,000 square foot, 17 story Molasky Corporate Center office project at Grand Central Parkway and City Parkway; and
 - A 10,678 square foot furniture showroom with Live/Work unit at 815 and 817 South Main Street.
- SNWA Water Smart Home
 - In 2005, KB Home, Southern Nevada's highest volume residential builder, signed on to be Southern Nevada Water Authority's first Water Smart Builder.
 - KB Home, with six active subdivisions in the City of Las Vegas will build every home and community to the standards of Water Smart Home.
 - Several other builders have either signed on or are in planning stages with the Water
 - Authority to begin building Water Smart Homes this fall
 - According to the SNWA, 300 Water Smart Homes have been constructed to date within the city.
- EnergyStar
 - There are over 50 active EnergyStar subdivisions in the City of Las Vegas.

Energy and Green Building Potential Initiatives

- Perform commissioning on City buildings. Building commissioning, in the broadest sense, is a process for achieving, verifying, and documenting that the performance of a building and its various systems meet the design intent and the functional operational needs of the owner and occupants. It is the systematic process for ensuring that building systems (e.g., HVAC, lighting) are designed, built and operate as intended. Because all building systems are integrated, a deficiency in one component can result in sub-optimal operation and performance among other components. Remedying these deficiencies can result in a variety of benefits including:
 - Improved occupant comfort
 - Energy savings
 - Improved environmental conditions
 - Improved system and equipment function
 - Improved building operation and maintenance
 - Improved building productivity

- Identify savings and payback period on conservation measures related to LEED new structures and LEED maintenance. Upon payback, reinvest savings into sustainability programs.
- Implement green roofs program.
- Develop Energy Plan for the city.
- Update the Conservation Element of the Master Plan.

Climate Protection Existing Strategies

- Continuing to increase the percentage of vehicles that use alternative fuel in the City's non-emergency fleet.
- Expanding the availability and use of mass transit for the employees, residents and visitors of the City.
- Developing neighborhood parks in areas with deficient service levels and develop mini-parks/urban parks in areas of high density.
- Requiring that new residential development provide adequate neighborhood parks as development occurs.
- Improving streetscape enhancements in the highly urbanized areas of the City.
- Maintaining recognition by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA.
- Establishing programs and incentives to encourage builders and developers to implement green building practices.

Climate Protection Potential Initiatives

- Promoting the efforts of the City in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Encourage the Board of County Commissioners, and the Mayors of Henderson, North Las Vegas, Boulder City and Mesquite to support the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.
- Set paving reduction standards.

Mobility Existing Strategies

- The City actively promotes the development of mass transit options throughout the city and the Southern Nevada region including light rail, monorail, and Bus Rapid Transit. In addition, a Super Speed Train connecting Las Vegas with Primm, Nevada and ultimately with Barstow and Anaheim, California is in the planning stages.
- The City provides incentives and subsidies to employees who commute by mass transit, van pool or car pool, and increased employee enrollment in the Club Ride Program in May of 2006 by 18%, and is recognized by the EPA as one of America's "Best Workplaces for Commuters."
- The City is a leader in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through the use of alternative fuel vehicles, with 87% of the City's non-emergency fleet running on alternative fuels and comprising a significant portion of the 7,000 alternative fuel vehicles operating in Southern Nevada.

Mobility Potential Initiatives

- Increase number of alternative fuel vehicles
- Increase average fuel economy
- Reduce vehicle emissions
- Improve sustainability of fleet facilities
- Transit Oriented Development/Mixed Use ordinance.

Traditional Neighborhood Design Existing Strategies

- Kyle Canyon Gateway is a 1,700 acre project envisioned to be a sustainable master planned community. To achieve a sustainable community, the Mayor and City Council adopted design principles that were made available to potential master developers for the site. The resolution included, among other items:
 - Retention of natural arroyos and washes and the use of pedestrian linkages between natural open space areas.
 - Reduce per capita water consumption to 150 gallons per person per day.
 - Provision of plumbing for irrigation by reclaimed water so that it can be used once available.
 - Use of irrigation systems which are centrally controlled, connected to on-site weather stations and do not spray hard surfaces.
 - Options for photovoltaic panels, fluorescent lighting and indoor motion-sensor lighting in all buildings.
 - Required use of renewable resources, low volatile organic compound components, and formaldehyde-free fiberglass.
 - Development of transportation and recreation trail system linking homes with parks, schools and commercial districts.
 - Pedestrian friendly streets as part of integrated circulation system.

Traditional Neighborhood Design Potential Initiatives

- Master plan future land sales and reserve rights-of-way and land for other public amenities. Establish a land use plan, street network and design guidelines for development consistent with the objectives of TND. Land for rights-of-way, parks, schools and other public amenities would be identified and set aside. Developer parcels would then be sold to individual builders.
- New design standards and incentives for infill.
- Strategy to redesign infill areas to provide transit, auto and pedestrian connectivity.

Infrastructure and Resource Management Existing Strategies

- Recognized as Tree City USA.

Infrastructure and Resource Management Potential Initiatives

- Explore potential for permeable hardscape
- Reduce impermeable hardscape
- Reduce hardscape to minimize urban heat island
- Set goals for tree planting

Sustainability Indicators Existing Strategies

- As part of the Mayor and City Council Strategic Planning program, a series of Key Performance Indicators have been established to measure outcomes. Some of these measures are loosely tied to the sustainability priorities.

Sustainability Indicators Potential Initiatives

- A series of performance outcomes need to be identified that are directly linked to the environmental agenda objectives and implementation strategies identified by the Technical Committee and Environmental Advisory Committee.

Education and Outreach Existing Strategies

- The Mayor has established the Urban Design Award Program to honor projects that incorporate urban design principles that foster pedestrian-friendly developments and mixed-use projects within the City limits.
- The Public Information Office coordinates Public Information Officers within each of the departments. These coordinated efforts produce press releases, website postings, television programming, newsletters, brochures and other publications that discuss and promote existing strategies within the various departments.

Education and Outreach Potential Initiatives

- Sustainability Awards
- Efficiency Incentive Program (e.g. accelerated review process or density bonus for Green Building projects)
- Partner with building supply stores to offer rebates linked to in store sales promotions for sustainable materials, for example: energy star appliances, fluorescent bulbs, materials with high recycled content, high efficiency plumbing fixtures, native or drought tolerant plants, potassium for water softeners, and low VOC paints.
- Partner with building supply stores to promote rebates and sales of sustainable materials.
- Develop subsidized loan program for achieving green building objectives or use of sustainable materials in remodel projects. Interest rates could be tied to level of effort.
- Establish demand for green building technologies – builders, suppliers, designers, etc.
- Establish economic development program and incentives aimed at bringing green technologies to Las Vegas – solar research and development, light manufacturing of green building materials.
- Establish green building grant program.
- Coordinate with school district to introduce education program into the school science curriculum.
- Establish sustainable speakers bureau including representatives from the Environmental Advisory Committee to give presentations to civic groups, in the schools, and professional organizations.
- Develop a webpage to promote sustainability, provide information to businesses and citizens, and serve as a clearinghouse of information.

CONCLUSION

The individual programs that make up an informal environmental agenda for the City are directly linked to the Strategic Plan of the Mayor and City Council. The Strategic Plan identifies Strategic Priorities intended to guide City programs and budgets. A formal arrangement of City resources to promote the Strategic Priorities, particularly regarding sustainability, can best be achieved through a coordinated effort within the city and among community interests. This will provide the necessary framework for establishing an environmental agenda with objectives, implementation strategies and measurable performance outcomes that are aligned with the Strategic Plan Priorities.

Once the objectives are in place, City departments will have the autonomy to develop their programs and implementation strategies to meet sustainability objectives, while working within a framework that encourages collaboration and sharing of ideas across functions. City departments and organizations representing a cross-section of the Las Vegas community will come together to implement and promote a well thought out environmental agenda promoting sustainable living for the City and its citizens.

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CITY OF LAS VEGAS YOUTH INITIATIVE PROGRAM

Schools and the quality of education they provide, along with strong quality government support services, are key elements in creating stable neighborhoods and shaping residents' perceptions of the quality of life in their community. The Youth Initiative is a program that partners the City of Las Vegas with the Clark County School District and other youth service providers to evolve and expand youth programs.

The Batteries Included Youth Initiative supports the idea that schools are most powerful when all community stakeholders (government, health and social service providers, parents and school staff) work together to share resources and expertise; creating a support system that will motivate and engage students in learning both in the classroom and in the community. These partnerships integrate the educational focus with support services and opportunities that can improve student learning, strengthen families, and promote healthy communities.

The seven components of the "*Batteries Included*" Initiative will focus on providing programs and services in the following areas:

Education and After School Awareness

- Increase parent involvement in schools
- Increase community support for after school programs
- Reduce the number of unsupervised youth in the after school hours
- Decrease the number of youth in the justice system
- Educate parents on how to prepare and assist their student through school from kindergarten to graduation
- Educate parents and students on the importance of fitness, nutrition and healthy lifestyle choices

Incorporating Education Into After School Programs

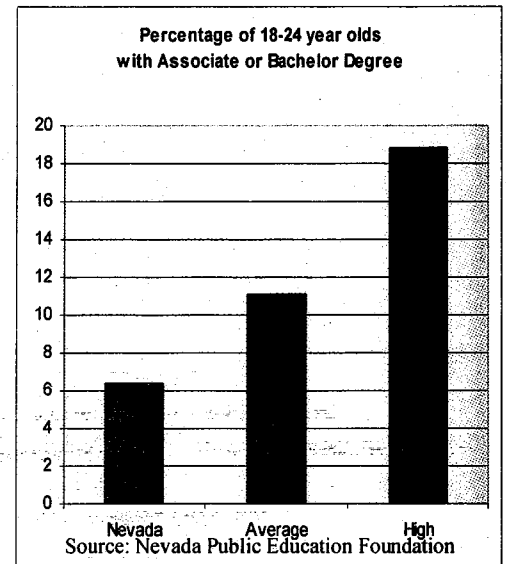
- Provide after school programs and activities that reinforce and provide real-life applications for classroom learning
- Incorporate fitness and nutrition into after school programs to reduce childhood obesity
- Train youth workers to incorporate education opportunities into after school activities
- Provide drug awareness workshops and activities
- Provide gang prevention workshops and activities
- Provide tutoring in community centers and partnering school sites

Youth Engagement

- Increase diversify the number of youth participating in service-learning and volunteer activities
- Increase the number of youth voters
- Prepare youth to become engaged citizens as adults
- Provide opportunities for youth to address issues in their community
- Develop a youth section of the city's website
- Create a youth town hall talk show to discuss youth issues

Celebrating Youth Achievements

- Recognize youth for achievements and improvements in all areas (academic, athletic, volunteerism, leadership, etc.)
- Provide incentives for youth to make positive decisions and strive for success
- Showcase Las Vegas' youth accomplishments locally and nationally



City/School/Public Partnerships

- Coordinate health and social services in city community centers and partnering school sites
- Increase community access to after school programs and support service by providing them in partnering school sites

Youth Career Development

- Provide paid internship opportunities for youth to explore career options
- Provide job training and life-skills workshops to middle and high school aged youth
- Create a career exploration program to expose youth to various career fields
- Develop a youth mentoring program

Re-engaging Disconnected youth

- Identify youth who have dropped out of school and reconnect them to education opportunities
- Offer job training and work opportunities for disconnected youth
- Connect youth from the foster care and juvenile justice to services throughout the community

From the above components, the focus will be to prevent students from dropping out of school, prevent youth from becoming involved in the juvenile justice system, develop youth leaders and re-engage disconnected youth to programs and service to help them get back on track.

Conclusion: The City requests \$450,000 to continue the Batteries Included Youth Initiative. The future of education and building a strong foundation for youth is dependent on a collaborative effort between school districts, public and private sector, parents and youth. Batteries Included will not only unite key partners but also ensure that youth and parents play a major role in strengthening families and promoting healthy communities. The intent of this initiative is to leverage resources for Las Vegas youth and their families by increasing and improving access to after school educational activities and providing more opportunities for youth engagement and diverse employment. In conclusion, Batteries Included represents the City of Las Vegas commitment to youth excellence and achievement.

**“Batteries Included”
Youth Initiative Program Budget**

Education and After School Awareness		
Proposed Programs	Descriptions	Amount Requested
Light On After School	Annual event highlighting local after school programs	\$35,000
First Day of School	National event to welcome students and parents back to school and encourage parent to get involved with school activities	
Public Service Announcements and Community Forums	Television and radio announcements and community forums to highlight the importance of afterschool programs and to bring awareness to education and youth issues	

Incorporating Education into After School Programs		
Proposed Programs	Descriptions	Amount Requested
SafeKey	Tutoring, homework assistance and educational afterschool activities for elementary school youth	\$35,000
Outreach Services	Tutoring, homework assistance, educational activities for adults and youth of all ages in neighborhoods without access to a community center	
Health and Wellness Education Programs	Education workshops for youth and parents	
Summer and Track Break Activities	Educational and social activities for youth to continue to engage them in learning over their summer break	

**“Batteries Included”
Youth Initiative Program Budget**

Youth Engagement		
Proposed Programs	Descriptions	Amount Requested
Las Vegas Youth Advisory Commission	City council appointed youth who advise the council on youth issues	\$150,000
Youth Councils	Youth groups established in various community centers who plan and implement educational, service-learning and social activities for youth in their community	
Youth Vote Initiatives	Programs to encourage youth to register to vote and to participate in government as active citizens	
City of Las Vegas Youth Website	Pages on the City of Las Vegas' website to provide youth with information on upcoming programs and opportunities	
Service Learning and Volunteer Activities	Projects to encourage youth to volunteer their time to improve their community	
Teen Talks	Forums for youth to discuss youth issues and concerns	

Celebrating Youth Achievement		
Proposed Programs	Descriptions	Amount Requested
Nevada League of Cities and Municipalities Youth Awards	Youth awards programs coordinated by the NLC&M and funded by the city to recognize youth whose service has benefited their community	\$15,000
Mayor and City Council Scholarship Program	College scholarship for youth who have made outstanding contributions to the city	
City Council Ceremonial Items	Recognizing youth during council meetings for their accomplishments (academic, athletic, volunteer service)	
Youth of the Month/Youth of the Quarter	Honoring one youth each month and each quarter for their outstanding contributions	
Southern Nevada Youth Impact Awards	Recognizing youth for their volunteer service	

**“Batteries Included”
Youth Initiative Program Budget**

City/School/Public Partnerships		
Proposed Programs	Descriptions	Amount Requested
Parent Involvement Grants	Matching grant program providing funding for public schools to create programs to increase parent involvement	\$30,000
Outreach Services	Parent resource centers, training for parents on topics such as positive parenting, health and nutrition, continuing student education at home	

Youth Career Development		
Proposed Programs	Descriptions	Amount Requested
School to Work Program	Internship programs where students gain work experience during school hours one day a week	\$150,000
Career Exploration	Internship program where youth are exposed to various careers to help them select a path for their future	
Summer Employment Fairs	Employment fairs where youth can learn about various summer employment opportunities	
Summer Employment and Internships	Paid summer employment in departments within the City of Las Vegas; includes life-skills workshops one day per week	

Re-engaging Disconnected Youth		
Proposed Programs	Descriptions	Amount Requested
Community Service Opportunities	Providing community service opportunities youth to perform court ordered community service hours	\$35,000
Juvenile Justice Alternatives	Alternative sentencing programs for youth facing incarceration.	

TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST: \$450,000



CITY OF LAS VEGAS EVOLVE PROGRAM

Over the past three years, the City of Las Vegas has worked in conjunction with the Nevada Department of Corrections, Nevada Parole & Probation Division, Southern Nevada Workforce Investment Board (SNWIB) and other community partners to build and create a specialized center/program designed to address the social, economic, vocational, and employment needs of ex-offenders. The EVOLVE (Educational and Vocational Opportunities Leading to Valuable Experience) Program, which has been in existence since 2003, has assisted more than 500 ex-offenders by providing wraparound supportive services such as housing and transportation assistance, job coaching and counseling services, and job development and other employment related services to assist the ex-offender population.

In 2005, the centers' target demographic has expanded to include providing services to other hard to service populations and now provides programs and services to other segments of the population to include the Homeless, Chronic Inebriates, Women In Transition (i.e. women recently released from prison), and regular re-entry populations. Since expanding the services, an additional 200 individuals received assistance in achieving self-sufficiency. Listed below is a brief description of the programs offered at the EVOLVE Center:

- **Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP)** – This is designed to assist individuals at risk of becoming homeless due to a sudden change in income or unforeseen circumstances.
- **Chronic Inebriate Program (CIP)** - This is a pilot program designed to study how providing alternative “life services,” i.e., substance abuse treatment, housing, and stable employment, can reduce the high cost of servicing individuals who frequent local jails and hospitals as a result of their addiction.
- **Women In Transition Programs (WIT)** – Funded in part by the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC), this program provides re-entry services to include pre and post counseling and workshops to women who are transitioning from incarceration to back into society with the ultimate goal of them becoming employed and self-sufficient.
- **Prisoner Re-Entry Program** – This is a program designed to assist ex-offenders in obtaining and maintaining meaningful employment.
- **Transitional Jobs Program** - The City of Las Vegas' Transitional Jobs Program provides ex-offenders with an opportunity to gain valuable work experience in a controlled non-threatening environment. Issues related to appearance, substance abuse, punctuality, and work product are observed by worksite supervisors, and used are used by EVOLVE job coaches/case managers as a teaching tool in preparation for permanent fulltime work. Participants are paid a training wage of \$8.00 per hr. for approximately 6-8 weeks, and typically have a spotty work history or little to no previous work experience at all.

SPECIFIC USE FOR REQUESTED FUNDS

The city requests \$500,000 to be used to support the overall mission of EVOLVE which is to provide individualized employment services to program participants ultimately enhancing their ability to become financially self-sufficient. Funds will specifically be used to support the Transitional Jobs Program which will allow us to provide a unique real world work experience to an individuals who have limited or no work history and to enhance the mental health and substance abuse treatment services to both Chronic Inebriates and ex-offender participants.

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CITY OF LAS VEGAS 2007 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

TELECOMMUNICATIONS: The 110th Congress is expected to revisit a rewrite of the Communications Act in 2006. There was significant activity in the last Congress and the FCC has opened several proceedings that could directly impact cities. The City of Las Vegas recognizes that its communications infrastructure is essential to the economic competitiveness of the nation and local governments. The City is committed to working with Congress, federal regulators and the Administration to ensure that communications policy changes reflect the core shared values of all parties involved. Our public safety officers need E911, CALEA and spectrum to protect the public. Consumers deserve a broadband marketplace that includes competition for both price and service quality. The City supports competition in telecommunications. The City supports preserving local authority to manage public rights of way for the benefit of everyone, including the right to a local franchising process and the right to establish reasonable construction permitting, insurance, bond and indemnification requirements for all rights-of-way users. The City seeks to protect local authority to establish taxes that are consistent with local needs and that maintain adequate revenue. The City seeks to protect and enhance local ability to provide for homeland and hometown security and the City recognizes local roles in promoting nondiscriminatory access to the full range of communications services. The City supports PEG channels. The City opposes legislation that would remove state and local control, as well as their ability to levy taxes, from VoIP provided telephone services.

URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI): The City of Las Vegas approves the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) retention of Las Vegas on the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) list. In addition to the criteria used by the DHS in making its risk assessment, Las Vegas' proximity to Hoover Dam, proximity to Yucca Mountain, proximity to Nellis Air Force Base, its symbolic and iconic status as an exemplar of American values, and the increased population due to tourism are all risk factors to consider. The City is hopeful that it will remain on the UASI list and supports full funding for the UASI program.

EMINENT DOMAIN: The City of Las Vegas urges Congress to thoroughly review the issue of eminent domain before moving forward with legislation that may be too sweeping and have unintended consequences for local governments. The City opposes efforts to by-pass the state court system in "takings" cases.

HOMELAND SECURITY:

The City of Las Vegas supports funding for domestic security needs and first responder funds to cities based upon population and risk of terrorist attack. The City supports efforts to take into consideration population increases caused by a large influx of tourists and transient populations. The City also urges Congress and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to fully fund rail security efforts and give cities the ability to participate in decisions made by railroads regarding routing and parking of rail cars transporting hazardous materials.

The City has embarked on a number of exciting and innovative programs, such as the Fusion Center and the All Hazard Regional Multi-Agency Operations and Response (ARMOR) Team. The City supports increased DHS funding for training and allowing the use of DHS funds to help pay for construction of training facilities and the hardening of police and fire stations and other key public buildings. The City is also concerned that while local governments are required to share sensitive information with the federal government, there is often not full reciprocity in the federal government sharing information with appropriate, cleared local government officials.

The City is participating with other government entities (Clark County, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, City of Henderson, City of North Las Vegas) in a Regional Communications Assessment Initiative which includes wireless communication opportunities, voice and data communications convergence, 911 consolidation and contingency, E911 cellular response, reverse 911 notification and non-emergency call management (311). The City supports funding for a multi-jurisdiction comprehensive analysis of these communications systems and the development of a plan that defines opportunities, goals and responsibilities.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING/CDBG/HOMELESS: The City of Las Vegas supports efforts to provide additional federal funds to key housing and urban development programs such as the Community Development Block Grant, HOME, brownfields redevelopment and other economic development programs. These are essential tools for funding basic affordable housing and community development projects in the City. While the Las Vegas housing market has slowed in comparison to the previous two years, the median price for a re-sale home is \$285,000 and a new home is \$310,000. This means that a household must earn not less than 151% of the Average Medium Income (AMI) to afford a re-sale home and at least 165% of AMI to afford the purchase a median priced new home in Las Vegas. By raising the maximum allowable income for federally funded assistance to 120% of AMI, many more households would be able to afford home ownership, which in turn will support recruitment and retention of socially important professions. Finally, the City experiences a large homeless population and believes that federal funding for homelessness should be increased nationwide. The City is encouraged that Congress may review affordable housing strategies and supports a revised national housing policy that includes passage of the exit tax legislation to preserve affordable housing as well as expansion of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit. The City also supports the Housing America's Workforce Act and the National Housing Trust Fund legislation both of which will be re-introduced in the new Congress.

BUDGET: The City of Las Vegas urges Congress, in the FY 2008 budget and appropriations process, to continue level funding for key local government programs in the areas of housing, economic and community development, transportation, law enforcement and public safety, workforce training and environmental programs.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA): The City of Las Vegas opposes the proposed change to flight paths (such as the new "right turn" departure for eastbound flights) at McCarran International Airport and urges the FAA to consider safety and population density issues in reviewing this proposal.

YUCCA MOUNTAIN: The City of Las Vegas is opposed to the shipment and storage of nuclear waste in Nevada.

TRANSPORTATION: The City of Las Vegas supports the efforts and priorities of the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC). The City supports funding for the extension of transit – either monorail or bus service - into the downtown area to support redevelopment efforts and the growing density downtown. The City supports federal funding for the downtown intermodal center. The City advocates for regional light-rail, for example, to the northwest via Rancho and Kyle Canyon. The City supports funding for the construction of the Nevada-California High Speed Rail line. The City supports funding to allow Amtrak to upgrade the tracks from Las Vegas to Los Angeles. The City supports the Safe Routes to Schools program. The City supports full funding for the grade separation program. The City is concerned about the movement of hazardous materials by rail or truck through the City since city officials would be responsible for emergency response in the event of an incident or spill. The City is also concerned that the railroads store railcars within City limits. The City supports federal policies that require prior notification if hazardous materials are being stored on railcars within City limits.

SAFETEA LU will begin the preliminary work towards the reauthorization of SAFETEA LU in 2009. The City of Las Vegas will have a major stake in the outcome of that legislation in both transit and highway fields and will begin to plan for the reauthorization.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA): As Congress considers the reauthorization of the WIA, the City of Las Vegas supports the creation of a funding category for "hard to serve" populations that separates them from the adult/dislocated categories and that provides for ex-offenders, homeless and individuals with disabilities. In conjunction, Congress should consider setting performance measures at a level that accounts for the barriers of the hard to serve populations. Congress should then increase the period of services to accommodate the special needs of the hard to serve populations and allow WIA funds to be used (when justified) to provide treatment for hard to serve populations (such as substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, etc.). This might allow for the WIA to permanently fund a program similar to the City's very successful EVOLVE Program. The City also supports legislation to create and fund a federal prisoner re-entry program.

FEDERAL PREEMPTIONS: The City of Las Vegas opposes federal pre-emption of its fiscal, legal and administrative authority and flexibility.

FIRE: The City of Las Vegas supports the Fire Sprinkler Incentive Act, enhanced 911-locator capacity funding and full funding for the SAFER program. The City also supports full funding for the Fire Administration and the Emergency Management Institute. In addition, the City supports the federal programs that provide funding to EMS and Fire Personnel such as the Department of Homeland Security's Metropolitan Medical Response System and the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program.

VOLUNTARY SIBLING REGISTRY: The City of Las Vegas is interested in seeing legislation introduced in Congress to establish a voluntary sibling registry for those in foster care programs to locate their siblings.

MENTAL HEALTH CARE: The plight of the mentally ill and the mentally ill homeless is of great importance to the City of Las Vegas. The City encourages and supports the Federal, State and Clark County Health District efforts to provide more mental health services throughout the community. The City supports the reauthorization of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and encourages Congress to increase coordination between SAMHSA-funded programs and local efforts to end homelessness.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE: Congress may review drinking and wastewater infrastructure needs nationwide and explore funding mechanisms to pay for these needs. The City supports the efforts of the Clean Water Coalition.

NEW MARKETS INITIATIVE: The City of Las Vegas will be making an application for one of the last rounds of the New Markets Initiative. The City urges the delegation to do all they can to support that application.

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PRIORITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

PRISONER RE-ENTRY INITIATIVE: The Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative, funded by the Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration – WIA, sought to strengthen urban communities characterized by large numbers of returning prisoners through an employment centered program that incorporated mentoring, job training and other comprehensive transitional services. The program was designed to reduce recidivism by helping inmates find work when they return to their communities, as part of an effort to build a life in the community for everyone. All programs must provide comprehensive and coordinated services to ex-offenders in the following three areas: employment, housing, and mentoring. The grant requires that a community based or faith based agencies serve as the grantee, so the City forms partnerships with various agencies to perform the case management services to ex-offenders.

SENIOR ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY: Seniors continue to make up an increasingly larger segment of the population of the City of Las Vegas and a large number of the city's seniors live below the poverty level. Through a partnership with the private business community, the city developed plans for a model assisted living facility for very low-income frail seniors and desires to pursue grants to construct more of these facilities.

TEN YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS: The City of Las Vegas is working with the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition (SNRPC) to address homelessness from a regional perspective. To that end, the City continues to strengthen the partnerships between the homeless advocacy groups and service providers. The City has adopted a 10 year plan to reduce homelessness. To address these and other affected populations, the City's future goals related to homelessness include preventing homelessness whenever possible; providing services that promote housing stability and self sufficiency; working in concert with regional partners to rapidly re-house people when homelessness cannot be prevented; providing ongoing support of regional homeless efforts and initiatives; coordinating jurisdictional and regional service delivery systems; reducing duplication of programs and services; and improving collaborations to maximize funding.

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE: The City of Las Vegas supports federal government assistance programs including those provided by the SBA that provide initiatives and activities designed to provide information, education, and training to prospective and existing small business owners.

BROWNSFIELDS GRANTS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS: The City of Las Vegas will pursue grant opportunities to help clean up and develop the 61 acres as well as older areas of the City. The City supports additional federal funding to remediate Brownfields. The City is encouraged that Congress is interested in holding hearings to review the efficacy and funding for the Superfund and Brownfields programs.

SUPPORT OF OUR VETERANS: Through partnerships, the City of Las Vegas will work to make available to our veteran's those programs available through the Veteran's Administration, Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Labor's Veteran's Employment and Training Programs.

FAITH BASED INITIATIVE MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM: In June 2006, the City of Las Vegas worked with members of the faith community to create a faith-based initiative. The initiative, formally known as the Community Interfaith Council (CIC), was developed to provide service to the community by collaborating with faith-based organizations throughout the city; developing ongoing strategies for networking, capacity building and improving the effectiveness of service provision; and the identification of federal/state funding and private donations. The City is proposing a pilot program to encourage tax exempt, 501(c)(3) faith-based and community organizations to partner with neighborhood organizations, the business community, and the City to offer children, youth, or family support programs. The program would award matching grants from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to qualifying 501(c)(3) organizations. Eligible organizations applying for a grant must match, at a minimum, the City awarded grant amount. In addition, the grant funded programs must foster community service and volunteerism in one of two categories – character development or civic responsibility.



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The City of Las Vegas supports federal funding for the Smith Performing Arts Center, Arts District, Ruvo Alzheimer's Institute, Stadium, Cultural Corridor, Academic Medical Center, and Phase II of the Nevada Cancer Institute Project.

THE CITY WILL PURSUE OTHER GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE AND MONITOR LEGISLATION/REGULATIONS RELATING TO:

- Adaptive/Inclusionary Programs
- Alternative Energy/Energy Conservation
- Alternatives to Incarceration
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Broadband/WiFi Communications
- Cultural Security
- Cyber Security
- Day Laborers
- Diversity/Equal Opportunity
- Domestic Violence, DUI, Drug Courts
- Economic Development
- Education Funding for Technology-based Workforce
- Electronic Records Management
- Emergency Preparedness
- Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
- First Offender Prostitution Programs
- Flood Control
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA)
- Identity Theft
- Internet Sales Tax Moratorium
- Jail Bed Expansion
- Obesity Prevention
- Policing Issues
- Privacy Issues
- Senior Services
- Smart Growth/Livable Communities
- Sustainable Development
- Zoning and Land Use Authority

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CITY OF LAS VEGAS						
Project	Request	Account	House	Senate	Conference Final	Notes
REGIONAL EMERGENCY OPS CENTER	\$1,000,000	SCIENCE/STATE/COMMERCE/JUSTICE	-0-	-0-		
POST OFFICE/MUSEUM	\$1,000,000	TREASURY, TRANSPORTATION, HUD - EDI or INTERIOR - Save America's Treasures	-0-	-0-		
5 TH STREET SCHOOL	\$1,500,000	TREASURY, TRANSPORTATION, HUD - EDI or INTERIOR - Save America's Treasures	-0-	\$250,000 (EDI)		
EVOLVE	\$500,000	LABOR/HHS/ED - SAMSA Center for Mental Health Services or DOJ Byrne Grants	\$250,000 EVOLVE from CDC Public Health Leadership & Improvement (Labor/HHS/Ed) ***** and ***** \$366,000 to CLV for walk-in employment center from DOL, Pilots & Demonstrations	Soft earmark in DOJ - Byrne Grants ***** and ***** \$500,000 in Labor HHS/Ed/DOL Pilots and demos		
YOUTH INITIATIVE	\$450,000	SCIENCE/STATE/COMMERCE/JUSTICE - DOJ-OJP/Juvenile	2 separate soft earmarks; dollar figures added in conference	-0-		

In December 2006 the Republican controlled Congress decided they could not complete the appropriations process. The newly elected Democratic leadership for the 110 Congress announced that there would be no earmarks when they complete the process in 2007.